

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1, 4, and 14 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Finality of the October 27, 2005 Office Action

Applicants submit the finality of the current Office Action should be withdrawn as premature. The Examiner claims "Applicant's [sic] amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection" and deemed the current Office Action final. (Detailed Action, page 11.) In each of the prior Office Actions, the Examiner failed to address the "database" features as recited in claim 12. Indeed the Examiner has consistently failed to address this feature of claim 12 on its merits in each of the prior rejections. Although the "database" feature was in the original claims, the Examiner has made no mention of this feature until the present Final Office Action.

Claim 12, as filed, recites:

a database for storing information about irregularities issued from said at least one fuel cell electricity generating device in association with information relating to said service company corresponding to said irregularity information;

means for notifying said service company associated with said irregularity by looking up said database upon detection of an

CONCLUSION

Each and every point raised in the Office Action dated October 27, 2005 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing, the finality of the present Office Action should be withdrawn as premature and this Amendment entered as a matter of right. Claims 1-19 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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